

quiet efficiency she got through the work she had to do. Her *Manual on the Management of a Birth-Control Centre*, and her oral advice to those about to start one were models of their kind.

It is not surprising that a person whose mind was so essentially practical should have been a little intolerant towards those whose trend lay more in the direction of theory. Mrs. Fuller always thought that her job was to do the best she could for the poor mothers with whom she was brought into actual contact. She was impatient with committees who laid down rules for the conduct of the "man on the spot." She distrusted conclusions based on written statistics rather than on practical experience.

To those of us who worked with her for the Walworth Women's Welfare Centre her loss is indeed a terrible one. We relied entirely on her and we knew that we could believe anything she told us. It will be long before she is forgotten by her colleagues on the Committee and at the Walworth and Bethnal Green Centres.

#### JOHN CHRISTIAN PRINGLE

The Reverend John Christian Pringle, Director and Consulting Secretary of the Charity Organisation Society, died at his home on Monday, April 11th, at the age of 65. His death deprives social work in this country of one of its most brilliant exponents and philosophers.

Mr. Pringle was educated at Cargilfield, Winchester, and at Exeter College, Oxford, where he gained First Class Classical Mods. in 1893, and Second Class Classical Finals in

1895. From Oxford he entered the Indian Civil Service and became a judge in Sind. He left India to take up Holy Orders, and was ordained deacon in 1902 and priest in 1903. For three years he was curate at All Saints, Poplar, and afterwards at St. John-at-Hackney. He was then appointed head of the Missionary College at Hiroshima, Japan, where he remained for five years. Returning to this country, he was appointed to the curacy of St. Peter's, Eaton Square. In 1919 he became Rector of St. George's-in-the-East, and was appointed Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Chester; he was also chaplain to the Royal College of St. Katherine from 1920-32. From 1914-19 Mr. Pringle acted as Secretary of the Charity Organisation Society, and in 1925 was appointed full-time Secretary—a post which he held until 1936, when, on account of ill health, he became Director and Consulting Secretary to the Society. He was the author of several books, his last work, *Social Work of the London Churches*, being published in December 1937.

John Christian Pringle was a member of the Council of the *Eugenics Society*; he took a great interest in its work and contributed a number of articles on eugenics.

A man of charming personality, Mr. Pringle was the accepted authority on family case-work and social legislation in this country. His counsel and advice were sought by social workers from every part of the world. His essential kindness, his humility, and his great fund of knowledge, made him, among those who knew him, widely loved.

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